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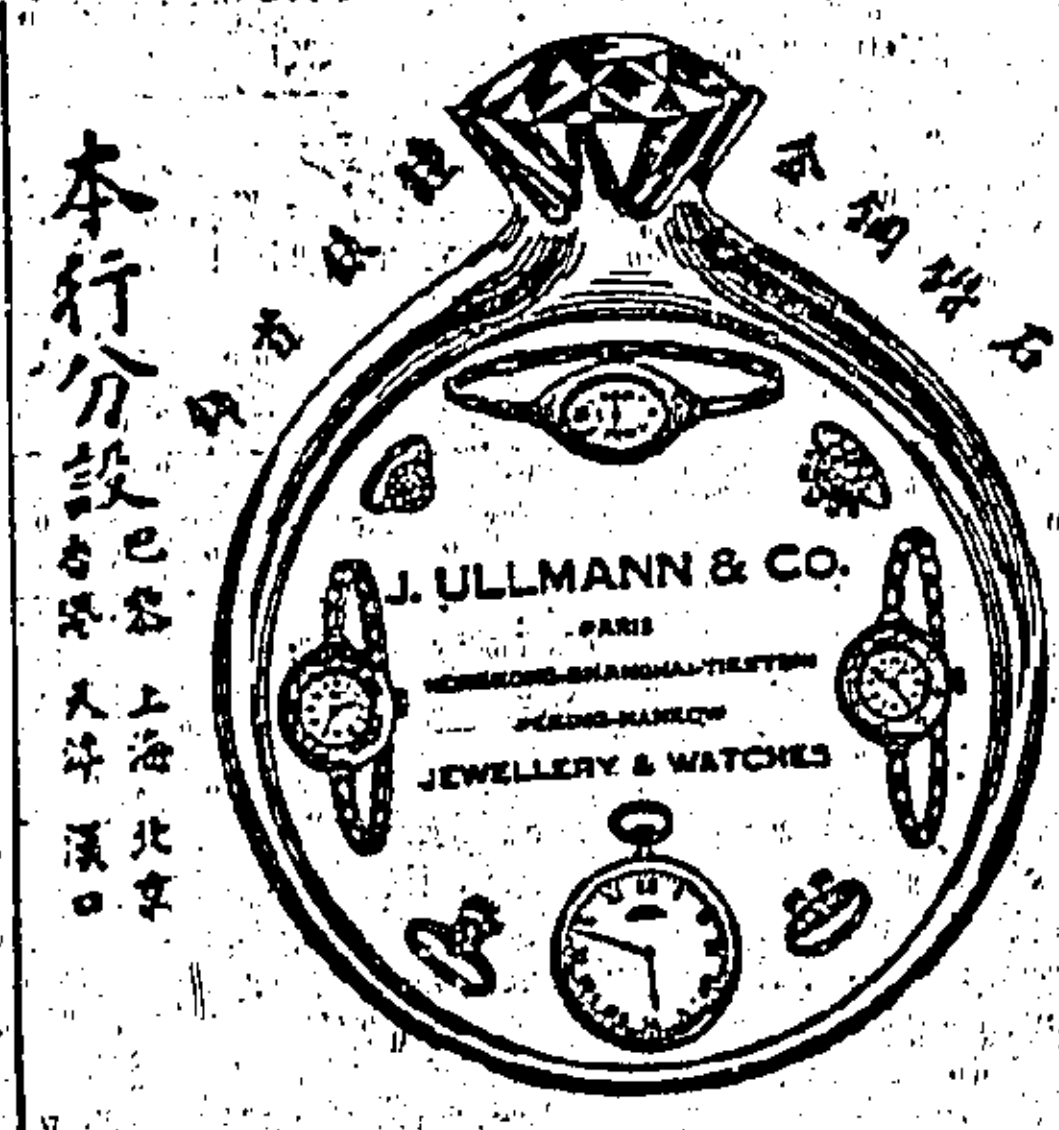
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## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

### IN GERMANY.

London, December 20.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, the Cologne Gazette states that 87000 German troops occupy Solingen. The Allies have informed the Soviets that they will be deported if they hamper the activities of the Burgomasters. They are forbidden to distribute leaflets or otherwise attempt to undermine the loyalty of the Allied troops. Herr Erzberger has been formally notified by the Foreign Office that the Allies do not recognise the Soviets.

### APPEAL TO U.S.A.

London, December 21.  
Reuter's correspondent at Washington says that despite Mr. Lansing's emphatic admonition that German communications should be addressed to all the Associated Governments, another appeal has been received from the German Government in regard to food, and a modification of the Armistice. The State Department will not publish the Note because it violates the foregoing decision and does not differ from the previous appeals, which are regarded as propaganda, whereby the Berlin authorities are trying to escape the results of defeat. Mr. Lodge, the Republican Leader, addressing the Senate, advocated the postponement of the League of Nations until after peace, declaring that it should be considered separately and later.

### BELGIAN CAVALRY.

A Belgian communiqué says the first cavalry brigade which entered Germany has reached Dole.

London, December 21.  
A Copenhagen message was received saying that Count Rantzau, formerly Ambassador at Copenhagen, has been appointed Foreign Minister.

**RUSSIAN MONEY FOR GERMAN REVOLUTION.**

London, December 21.  
A good deal of controversy is going on in German newspapers about the question of who financed the revolution. The Berlin Soviet Executive admits that it received half a million of marks through a mysterious man named Ellich, who was subsequently arrested on an unproved charge. Herr Mueller, the chairman of the Berlin Executive, says it is uncertain to whom this money originally belonged. Meanwhile, M. Joffe, the Bolshevik formerly Ambassador to Berlin, has been sending out wireless messages insisting that Russia supplied the money and that the people's commissaries, Barth and Haase, know this to be true. M. Joffe declares that Doctor Cohen, at present the Russian Under-Secretary in the Department of Justice, was authorised by the Russian Bolshevik Government to spend 1,500,000 marks to organise the revolution; then 5,000,000 roubles to further it; and that altogether 24,000,000 marks had been placed at the disposal of the German Revolutionaries by Russia.

London, December 20.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Copenhagen a message from Berlin states: A Soviet Congress, by a large majority, passed a resolution that the National Assembly election shall be held on January 19.

### TIERED OF SOVIETS.

London, December 21.  
A message from Berlin by way of Copenhagen quotes a speech by Herr Schiedemann, made prior to the adoption of the National Assembly resolution. He said the Soviets were necessary institutions but they must not become permanent. The majority of the people did not approve their dictatorship and only a National Assembly would bring peace and bread.

### A PRINCE WHO STICKS.

London, December 21.  
A message from Amsterdam says that the Grand Duke of Hesse is the only Prince of the German Federation who has not abdicated. The Soviet threatens to expel or intern him unless he abdicates.

### STRIKES AND RIOTS.

London, December 21.  
A strike of miners near Essen led to severe riots. A crowd storming the mines was driven off with machine-guns.

### FINLAND AND BOLSHIEVISM.

London, December 21.  
A Stockholm message says the Finnish authorities at Helsinki have arrested five Russian corners whose luggage contained Bolshevik literature intended for distribution in Sweden.

### ELECTION RESULTS.

London, December 21.  
Dublin University —  
A. W. Samuels (Coalition) ..... 1,373  
Sir Robert Woods (Coalition) ..... 708  
W. O. Jellicoe (U.) ..... 631  
Capt. S. L. Gwynne (N.) ..... 257  
Two seats, Mr. Samuels, K.C., was a Unionist Member before. Capt. Gwynne was Member for Galway.  
University of Wales —  
Rt. Hon. J. H. Lewis (Coalition Lib.) ..... 730  
— MacKenzie (Lab.) ..... 170  
Belfast University —  
Sir W. Whitelock, M.D. (U.) ..... 1,487  
S. Dolan (Sinn Féin) ..... 118  
Cambridge University —  
J. F. P. Rawlinson (C.U.) ..... 2,034  
Sir J. Larnier (C.U.) ..... 1,086  
W. C. Whetham ..... 1,220  
J. C. Squire (Lab.) ..... 841  
Two seats. Both members, Coalition Unionists, re-elected.

### FRENCH FLEET TO THE BALTIC.

London, December 23.  
A Havas message states: A Note issued in Paris yesterday states that a French naval division of five ships, including the armoured cruiser "Montcalm," is on its way to the Baltic. The object of the visit is to see that the conditions of the Armistice are carried out and to make sure of the repatriation of prisoners.

### SPAIN AND THE CONFERENCE.

London, December 21.  
Count Romanones, interviewed by the *Matin*, said that Spain being practically an island, the freedom of the seas is a condition of her existence. It is therefore of vital importance that she attend the Peace Conference.

### WORLD TOUR FOR BRITISH NAVY.

London, December 21.  
Although there has been no official announcement of it, it is regarded as certain that a powerful British fleet, comprising the latest types of heavy ships and other units, will visit America. The American Admirals whose ships formed part of the British Sixth Battle Squadron were so impressed with Britain's naval might that they were extremely anxious that American people should see it for themselves. Before it leaves for America, however, there is to be a great review in British waters of the British naval forces that have fought in the war. A report that the British fleet will subsequently visit the British Dominions is generally believed. If such a tour be undertaken, it is probable that the Fifth Battle Squadron, composed of "Royal Sovereigns" and latest battleships, also of ships of the "Queen Elizabeth" class, will participate.

### KING'S XMAS GREETING.

London, December 24.  
The King sent this message to the Forces: "Another Xmas has come round and we are no longer fighting. God has blessed our efforts. Their Majesties specially greet the disabled, sick, and wounded, and hope they will be cheered by a vision of the good days of peace for which they sacrificed so much."

### EX-EMPRESS OF GERMANY.

London, December 21.  
According to a Copenhagen report, German newspapers say that the Ex-Empress is in a critical condition, due to heart trouble.

### AUSTRIA.

London, December 21.  
Amsterdam reports a message from Vienna to the effect that the Germano-Austrian National Assembly has adopted a Bill for the prosecution of the leaders who were responsible for the war. The State Secretary for Social Welfare said there would presently be 40,000 unemployed in Vienna, as the number was increasing daily. In German Bohemia, 25 per cent of the working class was unemployed.

### REPARATIONS.

London, December 23.  
The Press Bureau reports that since the armistice, 5288 officers and 89,247 men, with 4,201 civilians, have been repatriated. A special committee has been appointed to advise on further steps to trace missing men.

## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

### AUSTRALIA.

London, December 20.  
Reuter's correspondent at Melbourne states: In the House of Representatives, Mr. Watt announced that Admiral Lord Jellicoe is leaving England for Australia in February to review the whole naval position in Australia. Australia is proud that her importance is deemed sufficient to justify the Admiralty in sending so illustrious a Sailor, thereby insuring to Australia the best and most modern advice.

### SPAIN TO GET GIBRALTAR.

London, December 21.  
Paris reports that the well-known writer "Perrinax" in the *Echo de Paris* comments on the discussions now proceeding between Spain and France, in which Great Britain is also concerned as a guarantor of Franco-Spanish agreements regarding Morocco, and as the guardian of Gibraltar. He asserts that the British and French Cabinets are engaged in taking away from Egyptian and Moroccan institutions, all the elements of the international regime, which perhaps indicates the direction being followed. "He believes there can be no more than the question of an exchange of equivalent advantages, and refers to certain English reports that Great Britain has been considering the abandonment of Gibraltar owing to the range of modern guns, whereby the fort largely loses its strategic value. This would heal a Spanish wound, and Great Britain might be compensated with Ceuta or some other point of the Moroccan coast, also with pecuniary compensation. This would enable her to continue her role in the Mediterranean. This," he says, "is only one of the terms of settlement, which must cover a very much wider field."

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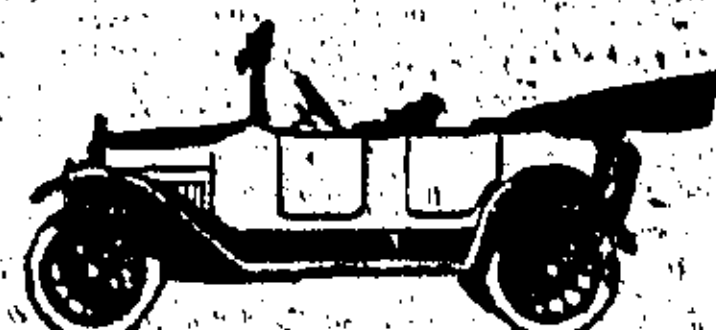
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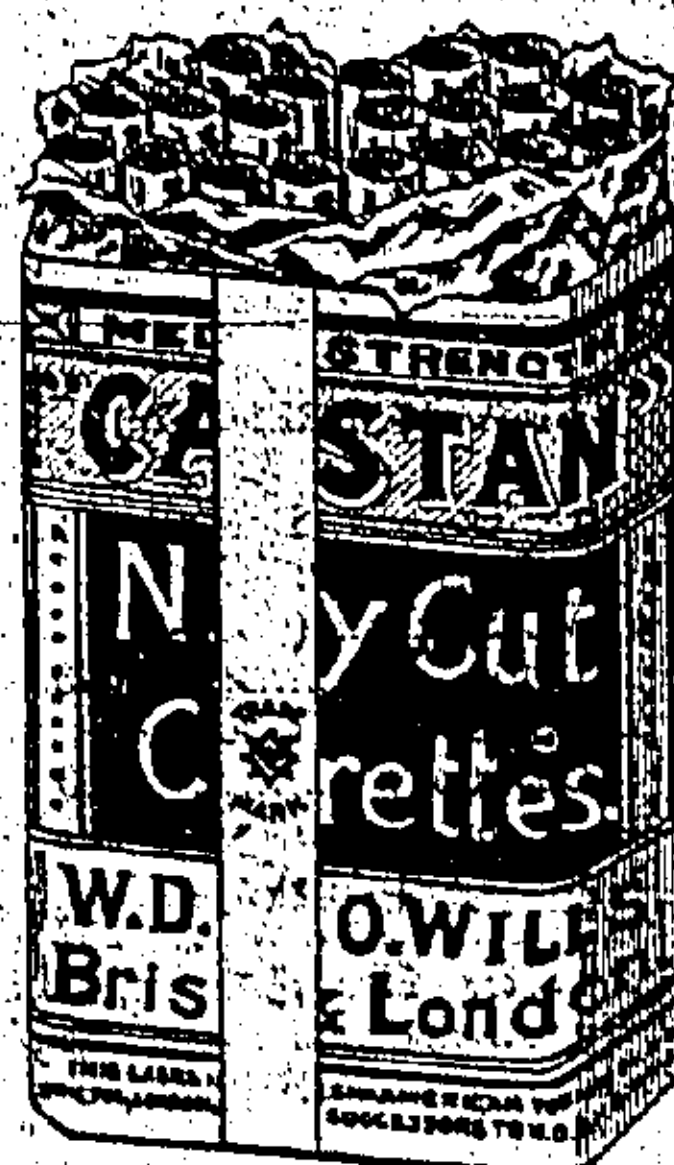
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**GERMAN EFFICIENCY.**

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**PASSENGER AEROPLANES.**

Several huge aeroplanes carrying large numbers of passengers are being constructed by French makers. One plane which flew over Paris carrying thirty-five passengers, as previously mentioned, was built by Farman, while another named the "Goliath" which carries twenty passengers at a speed of 100 miles an hour will probably be used for a passenger service between Paris and London. It is announced that the Paris-Subway Train Service and the Transvaal will shortly increase their fares after lengthy negotiations with the Municipal Council. The increase, however, is strictly temporary and will be brought to an end one year after the conclusion of peace.

**INFLUENZA ALARMING IN JAPAN.**

The influenza epidemic raging in Japan seems to be assuming the dimensions of a holocaust. According to reports received by the Prefectural Public Health authorities on November 4, the total number of cases of influenza in Hyogo Prefecture was 68,800, of which 25,800 represented cases in Kobe. Between October 21 and 31 deaths from influenza numbered 435 in Hyogo Prefecture, while from the 1st to the 31st the deaths numbered 295. The fatal cases were principally among infants under five years of age and among persons between 20 and 65. In Osaka more schools are being closed. In Kyoto, the epidemic has somewhat subsided, but out of a total of 87 primary schools only 23 have been reopened. It is said that cases in the municipal area of Kyoto alone will number 20,000 by the end of the year.

**INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC FORCES JAPANESE CRUISER INTO MANILA.**

An outbreak of influenza among the crew of the cruiser Yahagi, homeward bound from the South Pacific, obliged the vessel to put into Manila owing to the inadequacy of medical assistance. The American authorities gave the kindest assistance. Commander Fumon, the second in command, and twelve others died. The Akitsushima has been ordered to proceed to Manila from Macao with medical supplies.

**CAMPFIRE COMFORT.**

"Campfire comfort" is the latest wheeze at Liverpool under which to enjoy public amusements. The new drastic restrictions placed on entertainment houses to combat the "flu" epidemic are responsible for this, and generally the theatres and cinemas are much more comfortable in consequence. The foetid atmosphere has gone, and campfire and disinfectant produce a pleasant and clear odour. At one large cinema beneath each of 647 seats a block of camphor one inch square has been fixed, and the odour is distinctly refreshing.

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**A POINT OF HONOUR.**

America's coloured soldiers resent the small "n" in "Negro." To be spoken of as Negroes, as we speak of Argvans and to forth, they do not mind, though they prefer to be known as American-Africans. Negro with a small "n," they say, is synonymous with the loathed "nigger" or "coon." In Europe we use the appellation in relation to colour, as we say "whites" to describe Europeans. Montenegro is, of course, simply "black mountain." "Blanc" or "Negro" is a Spanish illustrated paper. But there is a dignity about Negro, and the "N" is of literally capital importance.

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the 29th Dec., 1918, at 11 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

Four FOX-TERRIER PUPS about two months old.

Terms:—Cash.

**HUGHES & HOUGH,**  
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Hongkong, Dec. 21, 1918.

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

**TUESDAY,**  
the 31st December, 1918, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF  
**USEFUL HOUSEHOLD LINENS,**  
DRAWN WORK, & EMBROIDERIES,

Comprising—  
HOUSEHOLD LINENS—Single and Double Plain and Hemstitched Sheets, Pillow Cases, Double White Table Linens, Damask, Serviettes, Glass Cloths, Bath Towels, Face Towels, &c., &c.

**DRAWN WORK**—Bedspreads, Pillow Cases, Tray Cloths, &c., &c.

**EMBROIDERIES**—Bedspreads, Table Covers, Tea Cloths, Runners 18 by 34 in. A few lots of Attache Cases and Bellow Valises.

(All new goods and small lots to suit purchasers.)

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Hongkong, Dec. 19, 1918.

(For account of the concerned),

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the 31st December, 1918, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

**TEAKWOOD AND BLACKWOOD FURNITURE, BRASS AND BRASS-MOUNTED DOUBLE AND TWIN BEDSTEADS, CURTAINS, CARPETS, &c., &c.**

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**USEFUL HOUSEHOLD GOODS,**

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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

**TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY,**  
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The Sale of Old and Surplus Victualling Stores at the Kowloon Depot, will commence on Wednesday, January 28th, about 11 a.m.

Terms of Sale:—As detailed in the Catalogues.

**HUGHES & HOUGH,**  
By Appointment Auctioneers to the Admiralty.  
Hongkong, 18th December, 1918.

**PUBLIC AUCTION**

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Messrs. D. MacDonald & Co. to sell, by Public Auction,

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Hongkong, December 23rd, 1918.

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## CRACKERS.

### BIRTH.

HALLIFAX.—On December 24, at  
No. 61, The Peak, to Mr. and Mrs.  
HALLIFAX, a son.

### The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DEC. 27, 1918.

### LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

THE obstacle in front of the  
successful organization of a League of  
Nations is the incurable cynicism of  
ordinarily decent people. The  
temptation to repeat, parrotlike,  
certain too obvious criticisms, that  
suggest themselves to superficial  
minds, is one hard to resist. People  
who could and should know better  
yield to it because of intellectual  
stiffness. A very little meditation  
would show that many of the current  
objections are merely silly.

The argument that war is a good  
thing will perhaps not make its  
appearance so regularly now as it  
used to, yet we noticed a con-  
temporary gravely discussed it the  
other day. It remarked that the  
theory of war as a means of  
evolutionary progress was now dis-  
credited, and went on to indicate the  
negative evidence of history as to the  
benefits of belligerency. This was an  
unwise line to take, since history may  
often be interpreted to taste, and the  
instances cited might be qualified by  
the inclusion of additional factors.  
The idea might thus persist that it  
was open to argument, whereas  
really a little commonsense shows it  
to be absurd. The claim that war  
"sharpens the intellect," that it  
educates bravery, self-sacrifice, and  
other such noble qualities of human  
nature, is easily and readily reduced  
to absurdity by the reflection that so  
does a big shipwreck or a wide  
epidemic. Is it suggested that we  
should deliberately scuttle a big  
steamer once in a while, in order  
to bring out the latent heroism of  
our Mercantile Marine? Is it pro-  
posed that we disseminate the germs  
of some dread disease, so that doctors,  
and parents, and individuals may  
show courage and self-sacrifice? If  
not, why should we be asked to  
excuse, much less encourage, an evil

like war, merely because it happens  
to afford a background for similar  
exhibitions of nobility? There lay  
the fallacy. It does not breed those  
higher qualities; it merely provides  
the opportunity for their appearance,  
much as an aching tooth enables a  
man to measure his courage on the  
way to Dr. Kew.

Then there is, or was, the profound  
argument that "you cannot change  
human nature." If this means that  
human nature, like everything else in  
cosmos, cannot change, it is a foolish  
ignoring of experience. Human  
nature has changed and is changing,  
slowly, of course, as is the way of the  
evolutionary process, but very surely.

To say that a Hongkong business-  
man of to-day, or even a mere  
journalist, has not a different nature  
to that of primeval man, skulking in  
his cave-dwelling and listening to the  
weird howls of the sabre-toothed  
tiger outside, is a statement calculated  
to lead to a breach of the peace.  
Individuals and races develop by  
slow change analogously. Civilization  
itself, unless a mere word, is a change  
from barbarism. It is the duty of  
civilized man to overcome "nature,"  
in this matter of war just as he  
overcame it in the case of personal  
fights and duelling. To plead that  
"you cannot change human nature,"  
when the Judge asks if you have  
anything to say why sentence should  
not be passed, will not be helpful.

The argument that the League of  
Nations proposal attacks the principle  
of nationality seems to be the popular  
one to-day. Human nature will have  
to change much, more before it sees  
(what is academically quite apparent  
now) that nationality and its patriotic  
emotions is only one step on the  
journey to human brotherhood under  
God, when

man to man the wide world  
of  
Shall brothers be, and  
that.

Yet so far as mankind has advanced,  
it might be able to see, to feel,  
after such a hideous experience as it  
has had since 1914, that it is quite  
possible to be a true Nationalist, a  
better patriot, even while striving  
before all to bring about this arrange-  
ment to prevent the waste and cruelty  
of war. In the next few weeks we

shall have opportunity to note that  
it will not be the voice of a nation  
which puts forth this argument, nor  
the soul of a people. No. It will  
be propounded by the voice of the  
self-seeking units of a nation, by  
privileged classes. It will be the soul  
of meanness and of greed which  
utters it. Let us beware how we  
lightly join at dreamers and idealists  
on the other, the helpful side. Let  
us, if we cannot help, at least deter-  
mine not to hinder. In all such  
matters it is not so much the  
Machiavellian schemer who de-  
liberately hinders progress, as the  
human parrot who repeats un-  
thinkingly the claptrap of the hour.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The proceeds of the two charity  
matches played yesterday between the  
R. G. A. and the Royal Navy, and South  
China Athletic and St. Joseph's College,  
amounted to a total of \$390. This will be given  
to the Late Ferg. Linfield Fund.

We are informed by the Hongkong  
and Shanghai Banking Corporation that  
they have received advice by wire from  
their London Office that the present  
issue of National War Bonds will close  
on 18th January.

Among those leaving the Colony to-  
morrow in the S.S. van Veenwijk are  
Mr. and Mrs. Champlin. Mr. Champlin  
is going to Singapore to take over the  
position of manager of the Singapore  
branch of the Mercantile Bank of India.

The Canton Times says a number of  
local merchants, including Mr. Chan Lim-  
pak, compradors of the Hongkong and  
Shanghai Banking Corporation, and Mr.  
Choy Chong, President of The Sun Com-  
pany, have proposed a scheme to redeem  
the depreciating notes of the Bank of  
China. They have put up an office next  
to the Bank of China Building on the  
Bund. They are organizing a trust  
company of \$2,000,000 to assist the Bank.

### AN EGYPTIAN WEDDING.

The sheik of the neighbouring village  
was very friendly with us, and when he  
came to the camp with an invitation to  
the festivities at his brother's wedding  
the captain and I accepted with alacrity.

As we halted our camels before the  
house on the appointed evening, our  
host, in white robes and turban, came  
forth and welcomed us with quiet  
dignity and charming courtesy. The  
captain, who knew some Arabic, re-  
sponded suitably, while I repeated all I  
knew. "Piedra" (Good-day).

Two boys led away the camels while  
the sheik conducted us by a narrow path  
to the house. On our left, beneath a  
rude framework covered with palm  
leaves, two oxen chewed contentedly.  
To the right was a large room, bare and  
dimly lighted. Round the walls squat-  
ted a score or more of men, all robed  
and turbaned in white. Suddenly one  
began a long chant or recitative, and  
when he had finished the rest applauded  
gravelly, "Aiya, Ayia."

"They are praising the bride and  
bridegroom and asking blessings, I  
think," whispered the captain. "It is  
a sort of blank verse." Presently an  
other took up the chant, and so it con-  
tinued.

We next passed through an enclosure  
containing the weirdest wedding party I  
have ever seen. Boys played games  
and banded jests, while young men  
smoked, drank coffee, and chattered  
volubly. In a corner a cow-led stolidly,  
a goat was having the time of its life;  
and fowls flustered about picking-up  
crumbs. Members of the household  
moved from guest to guest with coffee  
and sweet biscuits.

Beyond, we came to a small green  
field set aside for the more important  
guests, and here we met the bride-  
groom. On a carpet in the centre  
dancing-girls moved to and fro in a  
strange, swaying, sinuous dance. Their  
dresses, hung with coins and spangles,  
tinkled as they danced, and in their  
hands they held little clappers with  
which they beat time. An Arab played  
on a double flute a sort of wheeled-toned  
rhythm which rose and fell con-  
tinuously, while another held under his  
arm a round copper vessel and beat on  
it with fingers and palms.

The guests sat around clapping  
vigorously and swaying from side to  
side. Occasionally one would jump up  
and join in the dance to the great  
delight of his comrades. All vied in  
their efforts to entertain us; those who  
could speak a little English came and  
talked to us while their friends looked  
on, and those who could not  
speak with us, plied us with coffee and  
biscuits, and smiles.

At a late hour we came away, and  
the dancing and chanting were still go-  
ing on. The curious thing was that we  
did not see the bride or any women  
except the dancing girls. As the captain  
said with a grunt, "They were in an-  
other room having a 'beano' on their  
own, and a good job too!"  
"I think I prefer my own way," said  
I, and thought of home. —A.A.K. in  
the Daily Mail.

### DEFENCE CORPS RIFLE MEETING.

#### FIRST DAY.

On the rifle range yesterday the first  
of three days competition shooting by  
the Hongkong Defence Corps teams  
occurred.

The Commandant's Competition was  
fired for in the morning, No. 8 Platoon  
being first, No. 5 Platoon second and  
No. 4 Platoon third. Lance Corporal  
F. C. Goodman won the special prize  
for the highest individual aggregate  
with the remarkably fine score of 116  
out of a possible 120.

Firing for the Blake Shield took  
place in the afternoon, the shield being  
won by "B" Coy. Private W. L.  
Leak, winning the special prize for the  
highest individual aggregate, scoring 79  
points out of a possible 85.

The Open Revolver Competition,  
unlimited entries at 20 cents per 6  
shots, was fired for in the special range  
and this Competition will continue  
throughout Saturday afternoon, 28th,  
and Sunday, 29th inst.

Squadding cards have been sent out  
for the Open Rifle, Revolver, and Pistol  
shots, to be fired on Saturday. Firing for the  
Competition (Inter-Company) will com-  
mence about 3.00 p.m. on Saturday.

Competitors in the Classification  
Competition are reminded that firing  
will commence at 9 a.m. on Sunday,  
29th inst. Teams for the Francis Cup  
should be ready to fire at 11 a.m. and  
firing for the Corps Championship Bowl  
will commence immediately after that.

The results of yesterday's firing  
follows:—

#### BLAKE SHIELD COMPETITION.

Neme.	Total.
Pte. Leak	79
Cpl. Lyon	73
L-Cpl. Morgan	71
L-Cpl. Goodman	69
Sgt. Green	69
C. S. M. Rattey	66
Sgt. Bliss	60
Pte. Plummer	58

#### "A" Coy.

Pte. Dover	76
Capt. Wood	67
Cpl. Lowick	66
Sgt. Edmonds	65
Cpl. Grimes	65
Pte. Newhouse	60
Pte. Taylor	57
L-Cpl. Wells	56

#### Grand total

Engineer Coy. 512

#### COMMANDANT'S COMPETITION.

No. 8 Platoon.	Total.
L-Cpl. Goodman	116
Sgt. Keith	101
Sgt. Bliss	97
L-Cpl. Morgan	94

#### Grand total

408

#### No. 5 Platoon.

Sgt. Green	98
Pte. Leak	95
Sgt. Harvey	91
Cpl. Lyon	87

#### Grand total

371

#### No. 4 Platoon.

Pte. Dover	102
Cpl. Grimes	100
Sgt. Edmonds	100
Pte. Taylor	78

#### Grand total

370

#### Eng. Coy.—No. 1 Team.

Lieut. Hill	90
Cpl. Eldridge	86
Sapper Sorby	82
Sgt. Everest	81

#### Grand total

339

#### No. 6 Platoon.

Pte. Hay	91
Pte. Plummer	90
Cpl. Jackson	74
Pte. Paine	67

#### Grand total

322

#### No. 1 Platoon.

Pte. McIntyre	85
Pte. Martin	82
Pte. Hallands	81
Corp. Wilken	81

#### Grand total

310

#### No. 2 Platoon.

L-Cpl. Wells	86
Sgt. McHutchison	71
L-Cpl. Hancock	67
L-Cpl. Brown	58

#### Grand total

283

#### Eng. Coy.—No. 2 Team.

Sapper Layton	81
Sgt. Shenton	73
Sapper Wallace	69
Sapper Rowe	48

#### Grand total

271

#### No. 7 Platoon.

Sgt. Leach	80
Sgt. Olsen	81
Pte. Raven	82
Pte. Tolian	82

#### Grand total (three men)

253

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[To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL"]

Sir,—In order to show why Hong-  
kong residents should ask for a vote my  
personal experience of the present  
system may be interesting, as I think it  
is typical of the majority of English,  
Scottish and Irish in the Colony.

When I left England over 25 years  
ago I was a registered voter for Parlia-  
mentary Elections in an important City  
and County Borough, and as such  
assisted in returning some distinguish-  
ed members of the House of Commons.  
On arriving in Hongkong I found  
that whilst I was entitled to assist in the  
administration of the local laws I  
was not given a voice in the selection  
of the local law makers, although such  
law makers had power to make laws  
disposing of my property, my liberty  
and my life!

Immediately qualified for the Lodgers'  
Franchise (established in England in  
1867) by occupying rooms of a greater  
value than 4s. a week, but gained no  
vote. I found that I was exempted  
from Jury Service as well as from  
voting.

In a few years I qualified for the  
£10 Householders' Franchise, established  
in England in 1832, by occupying a  
dwelling house of a greater value than  
£10 a year. I paid rates, but had no  
right to select the gentlemen who im-  
posed them.

Later on, in order to avoid being  
ejected, I bought the house I occupied  
and became an owner of land of a  
greater value than 40s. which would, at  
any time since the reign of Henry VI  
at least, have entitled me to become a  
"Chooser" of the Knights in the  
Parliament, but not of the local  
Council.

I joined the Volunteer Corps, and  
after seven years of it, had earned 3  
stripes, but no vote.

The Government taxed my drinks  
but gave me no vote; it taxed my  
tobacco, without my consent.

When War broke out I joined the  
Reserves without a vote. I might have  
joined the Police Reserves or the Fire  
Brigade with the same negative result.

It is true that my firm by joining  
the Chamber of Commerce gained a  
vote for one member of the Unofficial  
Minority, but a subscription of \$60 a  
year is rather a high price for a non-  
commercial firm to pay for the privilege  
of voting once in 6 years, and I thereby  
gained only a fraction of a vote.

Finally, after 25 years law abiding  
residence in the Colony I was honoured  
by being appointed a Justice of the  
Peace, and so became qualified to visit  
the Gaol and the Lunatic Asylum, and  
to vote for one of the Unofficial Minority!  
But this was a matter of privilege,  
not of right—for 25 years I had been  
deprived of my birthright as a freeborn  
Briton to vote for the Local Parliament;  
and that is why I and others "Want  
a Vote."

The Constitutional Reform Associa-  
tion, knowing that there is no system of  
Registration in the Colony, is following  
the line of least resistance in adopting  
the "Jury" franchise, and proposing  
that "every male who is a good and  
sufficient person resident within the  
Colony, and is not ignorant of the  
English language" should have a vote,  
throwing on the Registrar the onus of  
granting such person a certificate of  
respectability by including or exempting  
him from Jury Service.

It is to be hoped therefore that every  
such "good and sufficient" resident will  
attend the Public Meeting on the 9th  
January and demand a vote, and will  
not "sell his birthright for a mess of  
pottage" to a benevolent bureaucracy,  
which "doles out golf-links and motor  
roads (the modern "pavement of circuses")  
to the public whose servant it should  
be, but denies them an effective voice  
in local affairs.

Yours truly,

LEX.

### KAILAS ENGINEERING AND MINING CO., LTD.

The Annual General Meeting of the  
Shareholders of the Kailas Engineering  
and Mining Company Ltd. was to be  
held in London on the 19th December,  
when the Directors' Report and State-  
ment of Accounts for the year ending  
30th June 1918 was to be submitted.

#### EXTRACT FROM DIRECTORS' REPORT.

The net result of the year's transac-  
tions shows a balance to the Credit of  
Profit and Loss Account of £725,367,  
made up as follows:—  
Proportion of Kailas Mining Adminis-  
tration's Profits: £246,649  
Interest in Europe: £7,748  
Agency Fees: £4,000  
Sundry Receipts: £23  
Exchange: £32  
Balance brought forward: £202,435

Total £725,367

#### DEBIT.

Expenses in Europe: £26,105  
Directors' Fees: £4,200  
Income Tax: £4,023  
Relief Funds: £2,600

£60,311

Leaving a Net Balance of £725,367

which the Directors recommend  
should be appropriated as follows:—

Interim Dividend 5%  
paid 14th May 1918

absorbed £250,000

Final Dividend 10%  
(making 15% for the

year) £100,000

Excess profits duty  
estimated at £50,000

Balance carried for-  
ward £225,367

£725,367

### CHINESE NEWS.

The Canton Intelligence Bureau sends  
the following:—

The following telegram has been sent  
to Hsu Shih-chang at Peking by the  
seven Administrative Directors.

We have not yet received any reply to  
our telegrams of the 10th and 11th in-  
stant. We received a telegram from Mr.  
Chien Nung-hsun dated the 18th inst.,  
which insists upon treating Shensi and  
Fukien as band territories while at the  
same time admits that he had sent  
troops commanded by Hsia and Chang  
to Shensi, and Wang Yung-chuen's  
brigade to Fukien. Furthermore, he  
adds that should his action not be  
realized by us he would rely on the im-  
partial opinions within the country and  
abroad. It plainly shows his determi-  
nation that on account of the Shensi and  
Fukien questions he does not hesitate to  
prolong the war. It is most regrettable  
that when both sides are beginning to  
discuss for peace there should arise such  
obstructions.

In his telegram, Chien treats Kiao-jin,  
Fan Yu-shou and Loo Jan-kwai as  
bandits. But Kiao-jin was one time the  
commander of the guards in the Civil  
Governor's Yamen at Shensi. Fan Yu-  
shou was a Regiment Commander of the  
Second Mixed Brigade under Chen Shu-  
fan. Why did the North give him the  
command and not treat him as a bandit  
then? Lo Jan-kwai is in no respect  
different from Mao Shih-chung and others  
under Chang Ching-yao. Why is it that  
the North treated them as national  
troops when they were in the North  
while it treats them as bandits when  
they are in the South?

Reports received from Li Tien-chai  
and others state that Wang Yan-yun  
has proclaimed that Shansi is a bandit  
territory and that the districts of Un-  
and Ho and other places shall be re-  
occupied within four weeks. The fact  
that Li Tien-chai and Tang Hsiung-tse  
are respectively Commissioner of Defence  
and Division Commander shows plainly  
that they are under the banner of the  
constitutionalists and should not be  
untruthfully called as bandits.

If there are robbers in Shensi why is  
it that it is only discovered after the  
cessation of hostilities? Moreover since  
hostilities have been ordered to be  
stopped, the existing troops in that  
province are surely more than sufficient  
for the suppression of robbers and it is  
unnecessary to send additional heavy  
reinforcements. Thus his (Chien's) in-  
tention is apparent to everybody.  
According to Chien's telegram that  
Wang's brigade is used for the purpose of  
clearing the towns and villages of  
robbers and that no instruction has been  
given for war. But it is difficult to draw  
a line of demarcation between suppress-  
ing robbers and warring against the  
South. However, a decision may be  
formed by taking the opinion of the  
people and the friendly nations as basis.

Chen Ching-ming and Hsin Hsiung-tse  
had already reported by telegrams their  
compliance with our order for the cessation  
of hostilities and have stopped the ad-  
vancement of their soldiers. But according  
to Chen Ching-ming's telegram of the  
15th and 16th inst. the Northern troops  
have violated the agreement and invaded  
upon us. Yung-tai has been lost and  
recaptured. The facts are already there  
for your investigation.

We hereby earnestly ask for the second  
time that if you genuinely desire for  
peace you should declare by return tele-  
gram that you are going to stop the  
advancement of troops in Shensi, Fukien  
and western Hupai. The troops of  
both sides stationed at those points  
should guard their respective lines. To  
make sure that no breach of promise be  
made on either side the Consul at those  
ports might be asked to give their guar-  
antees. In order to avoid the South  
being accused by the North of insincerity  
toward the peace movement we have  
already appointed Mr. Tang Shao-yi as  
the Chief Representative of the South  
for the North and South Peace Confer-  
ence. He is to wait at Shanghai for the  
opening of discussions when the military  
questions of Shensi, Fukien and western  
Hupai are completely settled. If the  
North still insists upon their attitude  
we, as stated in Chien's telegram, have  
only to lay it before the impartial judg-  
ments of the friendly nations and our  
people. Please consider this carefully.

### HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

Orders issued by Mr. F. C. Jackson  
C. R. E.

#### COMMITMENT.

P. C. 485 Niamatullah is commended  
by the Captain Superintendent of Police  
for the smart arrest, when off duty, of a  
snatcher.

#### REVOLVER COURSE.

No. Squads will be detailed for  
instruction during week commencing  
Monday, December



## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## PRESIDENT WILSON.

London, December 20.  
His Majesty the King is giving a banquet at Buckingham Palace on December 27 in honour of President Wilson.

It is authoritatively stated that President and Mrs. Wilson will arrive in London on December 27, on a four days' visit. They will be the guests of Their Majesties at Buckingham Palace.

## WILSONIAN IDEAS.

London, December 21.  
President Wilson, interviewed by the Paris correspondent of the Times, said that the greatest question as regards the Peace Conference was: "Will there be found enough of wisdom and purpose among statesmen to create safeguards against future war?" He emphasised that the difficulties and responsibilities which had arisen by the successful termination of the war must be shared by the great nations of the world as comrades of the less powerful.

## PRAISE FOR NAVY.

Regretting his inability at present to visit the Grand Fleet, President Wilson said he had so fully realised from the beginning that behind the great armies was the strong, silent, and watchful support of the British Navy, securing the communications of the Allies, that it would give him great pleasure to visit the Grand Fleet if it were possible. There had been the happiest comradeship and loyal co-operation between the Navy of Great Britain and the Navy of the United States, and he was sure all Americans were keenly appreciative of it and knew its full significance in the winning of the war.

## HIS OBVIOUS SINCERITY.

President Wilson, in discussing the role of the British Fleet, in maintaining what (anyhow in war-time) had been "the freedom of the seas" for the free people of the world, spoke with a sincerity which no amount of writing can convey. His accent conveyed that he is a believer in the decency and honesty of the Anglo-Saxon race. He said: "I am more anxious to go to England because I have reason to know with what unanimity and passionate conviction the people of Great Britain and America have entertained the same conception of liberty and justice. It is essential to the future peace of the world that there be the frankest co-operation and the most generous understanding between the two English-speaking democracies. We appreciate, I believe, the grave problems which the war has brought to the British people and fully understand the special international questions which arise from the facts of your peculiar position as an island Empire."

## HIS SURE HOPE.

This verbatim text of the President's remarks cannot convey the real solid tone of sincerity with which Mr. Wilson dealt with this particular point of the freedom of the seas. Proceeding, he said he was convinced nothing can possibly prevent the approaching Conference from producing what all the world wants—a really solid guarantee of future peace.

## He concluded: "I am confident that the common counsel of the statesmen of the world will be able to reach a just and reasonable solution of the problems which will be presented to them and thus earn the gratitude of the world for the most critical and necessary service which has ever been rendered to it."

## ANOTHER DOCTORATE.

London, December 22.  
A Havas message says: President Wilson, amid impressive scenes and academic ceremonies, received the honorary degree of Doctor Honoris Causa at the Sorbonne; the Vice-Rector greeting him as "Wilson the Just." In returning thanks, President Wilson said that the chief object of education was to awaken the spirit.

This terrible war had been not only a war between nations but also a war between systems of culture and an aggressive system using science without conscience, using every faculty of the human mind to do wrong to the whole race. The other system was the indomitable spirit which was everywhere struggling towards right and seeking above all things to be free. The triumph of freedom in this war means that spirit of that sort now dominates the world. President Wilson's conception of a League of Nations is that it shall operate as an organized moral force among men throughout the world.

## NOT IMPRESSED BY GERMAN WHINE.

London, December 24.  
A Havas message says that President Wilson had a conference with Mr. H. Hoover, the United States Food Administrator, regarding the situation in Germany. The American food authorities possess reliable information that it is not so acute as official German "whine." Nothing says America's purpose of food.

## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## NEW WINE IN OLD BOTTLES.

London, December 18.  
(Delayed).

According to a message from Prague that came to Amsterdam, Dr. Kamparec, the Premier of the Czechoslovak Republic, replying to a German deputation, said the Entente had allotted the whole of Bohemia to the Czechoslovak State. The ideal of self-determination belonged to the future and would not apply to Bohemia.

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

## A FRENCH FORECAST.

A Havas message states: The *Matin* gives the following information as to the manner in which the promoters of the Society of Nations will proceed:—Firstly, the Allied Governments will state the fundamental rule that the peoples have the right to dispose of themselves. Consequently there must be limitation of armaments and compulsory arbitration. Secondly, the Enemy Powers will be ordered to accept these fundamental principles. Then details of the peace treaty will be discussed. Thirdly, a universal conference will decide the relations between peoples, neutral Powers being able to be present. Germany's admission can only be discussed after her punishment is accomplished and her indemnities paid.

## RUMANIA.

London, December 18.  
(Delayed).

Reuter's correspondent at Jassy reports that Count Brudiano, the Premier, in submitting the policy of the new Rumanian Government, promised universal suffrage, the breaking up of large estates, and their distribution among the peasants.

## BRONZE STAR FOR SERVICES.

London, December 23.  
The Admiralty announces that the King approves the award of the 1914 and 1915 star in bronze for officers and men of the Navy, including Dominion forces, for pilots, observers, and men of the Naval Air Service, for mercantile marine officers and men serving under special naval engagements, and for certain staffs who served aboard warships at sea—all in respect of operations in France, Belgium, and Eastern Europe, including Gallipoli, Egypt, Africa, Asia, and the Australian theatre, including German New Guinea, the Bismarck Archipelago, Nauru, and German Samoa.

The War Office announces that the King has approved the award of the 1914 and 1915 star to the Army as well as to the Navy. In this case it includes Dominion and Indian forces, and nurses.

## PLENTY OF SHIPPING?

## LOWER FREIGHTS FORETOLD.

In a memorandum on the world's shipping, published by Lloyd's and the Admiralty, Sir James Glennie Wilson argues that within a few months the supply of shipping for commerce will be greater than the demand, as compared with pre-war relationship, and that freights will fall to a level not much more than double the rates current before the war.

## SPANISH AFFAIRS.

## A NEW STAGE.

London, December 24.  
A new stage in Franco-Spanish friendship was recorded when King Alfonso sent a warm telegram of thanks to President Poincaré for the Medaille Reconnaissance Francaise, conferred in recognition of his services in the cause of French prisoners of war. King Alfonso says he would have been glad to do more to relieve the sorrows of a noble nation for which he always had the sincerest friendship, a feeling shared by the Spanish people. That friendship was now strengthened. (Havas).

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS H.Q.

London, December 24.  
A Havas message reports a proposal by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Chamber of Deputies to offer Versailles as the permanent capital of the League of Nations. The necessary buildings are to be endowed with the privilege of extrajurisdiction.

## EXTRA FRENCH ITEMS.

London, December 24.  
The French Minister of Agriculture in his provisions discusses questions connected with the eventual resumption of racing in France.

The first direct train from Paris to Brussels leaves Paris on Friday afternoon at half past three. It is due at Brussels next morning.

## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## MERCHANTMEN HOME.

London, December 20.  
Fifteen British merchant ships interned in Hamburg since the war have arrived at the Tyne with German crews.

## BELGIAN MONEY RETURNED.

London, December 21.  
Reuter's Brussels correspondent learns that Germany has restored 380,000,000 francs to the Belgian Government.

## THE MAGISTRACY.

## THEFT FROM DOCKYARD.

A Chinese, a copper smith employed at the Hongkong dockyard, was searched by an Indian watchman while leaving the yard and 30 lbs. of copper plate were found concealed around his waist. A further seven lbs. of tin solder were concealed under his socks. It was stated that petty thefts of this nature were of frequent occurrence at the yard. Mr. C. A. D. Melbourne sent the copper smith to prison for one month, the last day being substituted by four hours' stocks.

## PETTY THEFT.

Leung Kam was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour and four hours' stocks in place of the last 24 hours for lifting a suit of clothing from the fence of a house in Hongkong.

## DRIVEN TO STEAL.

"I went into the house to steal," was the declaration of a Chinese charged with attempted burglary. This he said was because he was destitute. He was arrested by the occupier of the house. Sentence of three months' imprisonment and four hours' stocks was passed. It was his fifth conviction.

## PETTY CASES.

A pickpocket, operating in Des Voeux Road, was given three months to end with four hours in the stocks. The keeper of a Chinese Seamen's boarding house was fined \$50 for having 15 too many lodgers.

A Chinese who stole a violin from Mr. Xavier of No. 9 Wong Nei Cheong Road, got three months' and stocks.

## OPIUM SMUGGLING.

A Chinese was searched on the ss. Kwong Hing just before its departure for Wanchow and 10 taels of opium were found tied round his waist. Another Chinese, a woman, who had two taels of non-Government prepared opium concealed in the same way, was arrested on a Canton steamer. In both cases the opium was confiscated and sentences of \$100 or six weeks and \$150 or two months respectively were passed by Mr. J. R. Wood on the two prisoners.

## ILLEGAL LOTTERY.

A Chinese, who had 1,427 lottery tickets in his possession, was arrested at Kwai Wo Lane by a district watchman. In Mr. Melbourne's Court this morning when the man was tried, his Worship was informed that this man made a living by smuggling the tickets for other people. He was sentenced to a \$100 fine or to go to prison for three months as an alternative.

## ACCIDENTS AND CRIMES.

## MOTOR-CAR ACCIDENTS.

A Chinese boy, 11 years of age, while playing with other boys in Shanghai Street, Yau-mai, was knocked down by a motor-car (No. 17) and suffered injuries which necessitated his removal to the Government Civil Hospital.

Mr. George Martin reports to the Police that while on an outing in the New Territories in a motor bicycle with his wife and child his machine collided with a motor-car when near the Silver-beds at Sai-kok. The motor-car was badly damaged, but fortunately the collision resulted in only slight injuries to the child.

## SUICIDE.

The body of a Chinese male was found by the Police hanging by the neck from a branch of a tree of Stanley Road, near the Wung-chung-shan Village. He was a destitute looking man.

## A FISHING BOAT ROBBED.

On the 22nd instant, two men went on board fishing boat No. 2762, which was lying off K.O. during the absence of the master and overpowered him. One of them dealt him a blow with a chopper, and after robbing him of a small amount of cash they dropped him into the boat and closed the hatch. By the time he regained consciousness the robbers had gone, taking with them \$10.40 in money contained in a box, also 350 copper cents.

## TYPHOON WARNING

The Telegram quoted below was received from the Met. observatory at 11 p.m. on Wednesday:  
Cyclone or typhoon 2. Southern Luzon dev. Japan.  
Typhoon in above 125 degrees Long E. and 2 degrees Lat. N. moving W.  
Cyclone or typhoon on N.E. of Manila, over or near southern Luzon, moving W.  
Cyclone or typhoon on N.E. of Luzon, moving S.W.  
Cyclone or typhoon on N.E. of Luzon, moving S.W.

## SHAMEEN NOTES.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Dec. 25.

The horrors of the War are forgotten—for the time being—and Christmas festivities are in full swing. A Children's Party and Christmas Tree, was held at the Club Theatre on Tuesday afternoon and all the young fry—with their mothers and aunts—had a gorgeous time. The ubiquitous Postal Commissioner was again in his element as "Santa Claus" and kept the fun going furiously for over two hours.

The Customs Club at Hongkong entertained their numerous friends at a Dinner and Dance at its house. Some of the dresses were most unique, fantastic and humorous. Your correspondent is going as—(Censored, Ed.)

The Victoria Hotel Children's party takes place this afternoon, and on New Year's Eve, the British Residents are giving a Dance at the Club Theatre. The men of H.M.S. "Tarantula" are having their Xmas dinner ashore, as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Forbes, and Christmas fare—in the shape of Turkey, Pork pies, sausages, Plum pudding, etc., etc. have been sent up the river to H.M.S. "Moorhens" to show they are not forgotten by their Shameen friends. It was quite a treat yesterday morning to see the procession of boys leaving the depot of the Dairy Farm Company, carrying Turkeys &c. home to their "misses." There must have been over a hundred turkeys in all, nearly enough for one each per resident.

A HANDSOME CHRISTMAS GIFT.  
We understand that Madame Meurer—the victim of the late \$7,000 jewel robbery, has received from her absconding cook, a letter containing his Christmas greetings, some of the stolen jewellery, and pawn tickets for the remainder. He expressed his regrets at being unable to hand them to her personally but he is on a journey to another country. The jewellery has been pawned for between \$1100 and \$1200 and she will be able to get it back by paying that amount and interest. Such is the law in Canton; although the Canton police had given a description of the jewellery to all the pawnshops and Fanta houses in Canton and warned them against receiving it, yet stolen articles are in spite of everything taken in with impunity and the owners have no redress whatever. We understand that the British and French Consular Authorities here intend to make a strong protest to the Canton Government.

A Choral Service was held at Christ Church, Shameen on Sunday last, conducted by the Rev. A.A. Fulton. The Soloists were Mrs. Muriel, Mrs. Graybill and Mrs. Gruff. The Church was crowded to its utmost capacity.

A Christmas Day service was held this morning conducted by the Venerable Archdeacon E. J. Barnett, M.A. The Church was most beautifully decorated with red and white flowers. The offertory is to be devoted to the Mission to Seamen.

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, KOWLOON.

MEMORIAL SERVICES for those fallen in the War will be held in the Church on SUNDAY next, December 29th, at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

## PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from H.M. VICE-ROYS and EXCH. OFFICERS, to sell by Public Auction, on

## MONDAY,

the 30th December, 1918, commencing at 10.30 a.m. at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Lee House Street—

A quantity of Bedding, &c. Terms—Cash.

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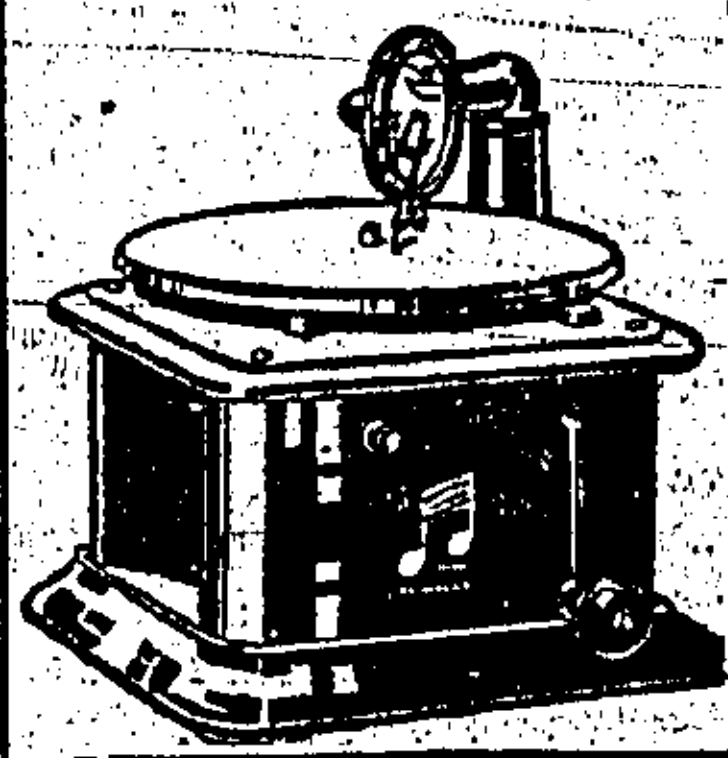
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- 1 Qt. Burgoyne's Brandy
- 1 Martell's XXX Brandy
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- 2 Tawny Dry Port
- 1 St. Julien Claret
- 1 Gin, D.O.L. Old Tom, or Dry
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SHANGHAI	YOKOHAMA	Dec. 31, at Noon.
SHANGHAI	YOKOHAMA	Jan. 2, at Noon.
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FROM	TO	DATE
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SHANGHAI	SHANGHAI	TUESDAY, Dec. 31, Daylight
MANILA	YUENANG	FRIDAY, Jan. 3, at 3 p.m.

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TENYO MARU	25,000	8th February
SHINYO MARU	25,000	5th March

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Steamers	Tons	Leave Hongkong
MIYO MARU	17,200	Jan. 6th, 1919.
ANYO MARU	16,500	
NIFFON MARU	17,000	

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## SHIPPING.

## FIRE ON STEAMER.

According to a Sydney message, dated Nov. 12, to the "Brisbane Courier" the steamer "Matarani," which arrived in Singapore from Australian ports recently, had to be brought to Dawu's Point, Sydney, from the quarantine station, where she was lying, so as to enable the firemen to more effectively deal with a fire which had been discovered on board. It was found that the outbreak was well down below the cargo, some of which had to be discharged in order to get at the source of the fire which was eventually subdued.

## FALL IN FREIGHT TRADE.

On the practical disappearance of war risks in the Mediterranean, etc., consequent upon the recent conclusion of the "treaty," a good number of shipping firms at home opened or intend to open the Mediterranean service, while the premiums have considerably fallen. This has caused a decline in freight rate on the European service via Suez. The prevailing rate is quoted at 1,000 shillings which is lower by 200 shillings than that prior to the conclusion of the armistice treaty. The ruling rate, however, will further go down, in view of short cargoes. The shippers at large, as reported previously, are in no hurry to book cargo spaces for their goods in anticipation of a further fall in the freight market.

## SHIPPING PROFITS.

The reports of shipping companies for the past year or so have not done the whole justice. The enormous profits reaped in the earlier part of the war. Nearly all fleets are now running on Blue Book rates, and these, though not long ago revised, do not give that large margin of remuneration which so tickled the imagination and weighed down the pockets of shipping investors in the 1918 and 1917 seasons in spite of the hardship of the excess profits duty. Even now, however, shipping undertakings manage to do very well and to squeeze a comfortable return out of the hard ration on which they claim to be living. Conditions, too, still permit of fluctuations in earnings which are not always of an unfavourable character, as is shown by the reports of several shipping companies recently issued.

## N.Y.K. NOT TO CALL AT ANTWERP.

The N.Y.K. has discontinued the call at the port of Antwerp of its liners under Government subsidy with the Government approval. In connection with the discontinuation of the call, the Communications Office, Tokyo, has introduced a change in the conditions governing the European service by the N.Y.K. as under—

Outward trips—Leaving Yokohama for London touching at Kobe, Moji, Shanghai, Hongkong, Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez, Port Said, Marseilles, London, and Middleburgh.

Homeward trips—Leaving London for Yokohama calling at Marseilles, Port Said, Colombo, Singapore, Hongkong, and Kobe.

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Number of trips—The 11 liners shall make 26 return trips a year.

## CUSTOM HOUSE CRANES AT MANILA.

The Manila Bureau of Customs has issued a new administrative order as follows— For the use of any of the cranes at the Customs House wharf for the loading of merchandise within regular working hours, an arrears charge of 75 centavos per ton, weight or measurement, shall be made; provided that if a crane is so used on an overtime permit, the overtime of all necessary storekeepers, checkers, police, etc., on duty in connection therewith, exclusive of those operating the crane and handling the packages, shall be charged against the importer or his agent in addition to the regular charge of 75 centavos per ton for the use of the crane; and provided further that on any consignment consisting of one package only, so handled weighing one ton or over, a charge of P2.00 per ton or fraction thereof shall be made, and that on consignments consisting of two or more packages, each weighing one ton or over, a charge of P2.00 per ton shall be collected on the total weight of the consignment. The provisions of this order will take effect from January 2, 1919, as approved by the Secretary of Finance.

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NORE	2nd Feb. 1919	30th March	8th April
NOYARA	9th Mar. 1919	13th April	22nd April

## BOMBAY via STRAITS &amp; COLOMBO.

S. S.	From Hongkong about	Due Bombay about
DILWARA	10th January	27 January

## SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

S. S.	Leave Hongkong About
DILWARA	19th December (to Shanghai only)

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Any damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Gildard and Douglas, at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.  
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DESTINATION	STEAMER & DISPLACEMENT	SAILING DATE
Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	Kanagawa Maru, 12,500 tons MON., 30th Dec., at 11 a.m.	
	Mishima Maru, 13,950 tons SAT., 11th Jan., at 11 a.m.	
Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	Nikko Maru, 8,600 tons SUN., 2nd Dec., 8 a.m.	
	Ritomo Maru, 15,980 tons SAT., 18th Jan., 11 a.m.	
Shanghai, Moji & Kobe	Shinobiki Maru, 7,000 tons MON., 30th Dec., 8 a.m.	
	Tai-nan Maru, 7,000 tons MON., 30th Dec., 8 a.m.	
London or Liverpool via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez & Port Said	Yokohama Maru, 12,340 tons WEDNESDAY, 1st Jan., at 11 a.m.	
	Tambara Maru, 12,510 tons FRIDAY, 24th Jan., at 11 a.m.	
Melbourne via Manila Zamboanga, Thursday Is., Townsville, Brisbane, & Sydney	Tango Maru, 13,760 tons TUESDAY, 31st Dec., at 11 a.m.	
New York via Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama, San Francisco & Panama Canal	Tenshin Maru, 8,470 tons SATURDAY, 4th Jan.	
Bombay via Singapore, Malacca & Colombo		
Calcutta via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon		

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Manila, Delagoa Bay, Durban	Indus Maru	Ozaka Shosen Kaisha	On 3rd inst., at 11 a.m.
Liverpool via Suez, Penang & Cebu to San Francisco via Shanghai & Japan	Yokohama Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 17th Jan.
San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan & Cebu	Korea Maru	Yokohama Maru	On 30th Jan.
San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan & Cebu	Siberia Maru	Yokohama Maru	On 30th Jan.
San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan & Cebu	Venezuela	Yokohama Maru	On 30th Jan.
San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan & Cebu	Nanking	Yokohama Maru	On 30th Jan.
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## BOXING DAY FOOTBALL.

## THE SHIELD TIES.

## EXIT R.G.A. AND KOWLOON.

Boxing Day at the Happy Valley witnessed three fourths of the first round of the Hongkong Shield Competition for the Season 1918-19. The match played was an anticipated one, the R.E. Staff and Departments match being postponed.

The match of the round, in fact of the tournament, was that between South China and St. Joseph's College. A very large crowd assembled to witness this and they were duly rewarded with 70 minutes of hard, clean and clever football, exciting, and timing with interest every minute of the game. At the call of "time" no goals had been scored, and the game will be played over again on New Year's day. After seeing the first attempt to reach a decision one would venture to be a prophetic now to endeavour to predict the result.

The other ties were more or less as expected. A slight reverse by way of having the first goal against them, the Club disposed of Kowloon, but Reichelmann was the only scorer for them; but as his was a couple of braces, these proved ample as Kowloon scored but once.

The R.G.A. were very unfortunate in having to take the field without G. Con, their best forward, but they showed off to defeat for a long time, only to be well beaten in the end.

In the course of the South China-St. Joseph's match, a diversion was caused by a gaudily attired goat, belonging to one of H.M. Ships, breaking away from his escort, and with his cane of money collected on behalf of the late Sir, Linfield Fund, cantering across the field of play, with his escort in hot pursuit. However he was soon captured and his "takings" handed in.

The date of the R.E. and Staff and Departments match is not yet decided upon.

The reports of the matches played yesterday are appended:—

## SOUTH CHINA AND ST. JOSEPH'S DRAW.

As expected, play in this game was intensely exciting—Ogley early distinguished himself with some fine back play but South China persisted, and were most disappointed when ruled off side. After surviving a hot bombardment of their goal, St. Joseph's paid a visit to the opposite end. Here they encountered Cheung Wing Hon at the very top of his form. Silva however had the opportunity of putting St. Joseph's in front, but shot wide from a good position. Some good forward play by the Chinese followed, but their inside right spoiled the movement. U. Omar, in the College goal, saved twice from Au Kit Sang, but both shots lacked power. E.R. Hyndman was the danger man for the College forwards but Yung Sang paid him plenty of attention. A run by Hyndman and Silva ended in a shot landing on the Chinese goal but the goalkeeper was not troubled much owing to the support he received from his back. Half-time was whistled without a goal being registered.

Play was very exciting early in the second half and close to the Chinese goal. It was a relief to the Chinese when Moondeen handled as it enabled them to try to score. A wonderful shot from Lin Koon Shan from 40 yards out was straight at goal but U. Omar was prepared. R. Omar on the College right had many opportunities but lacked finish, kicking long and high, which resulted in bringing Cheung Wing Hon into further prominence with fine heading and kicking. The Chinese were in a promising position when the whistle blew, but play carried on and Hyndman (back) took the chance and transferred play. Silva and L. Xavier made a lot of ground and despite the attentions of two opponents, Xavier shot but hit the bar. A hot time in the South China goal followed, and every moment its downfall was expected, but good play by the back and a little good fortune reserved the goal. South China called and Ka Sik Wei helped from him all but caused a score, Hyndman clearing off the line. Play continued exciting and keenly contested till the end, the game resulting in a goalless draw.

St. Joseph's College, O. South China Athletic, O. Teams:—St. Joseph's College—U. Omar; W. Ogley, E. P. Hyndman; P. Xavier, S. Sopher, S. Maral; R. Omar, E. R. Hyndman, E. Moondeen, J. Silva, L. Xavier. South China Athletic—Lan Hing Cheong; Fung Tai, Cheung Wing Hon; Chan So, Leung Pak Tong, Leung Tai Fong; Ko Sik Wei, Tin Koon Shan, Wong Pak Cheung, An Kit Sang, Kwok Po Khan.

Mr. F. W. Wright was the referee.

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## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION.

## CIVIL SERVICE XMAS TREE.

The 15th Annual Entertainment of the Civil Service Club was held yesterday afternoon at the club grounds in Happy Valley.

In the centre of the enclosure a huge Christmas tree was laden with gifts for the members' children, about 100 little ones being present to get their offering from Santa Claus. On a table near the tree the prizes for the season's tennis competition were arrayed. Mr. Ashby and Sgt. Strange did a great deal to amuse the youngsters.

Tea for the children was served at 4 o'clock, shortly after which Mrs. Chatham presented the presents to the youngsters and the tennis prizes to the various winners.

Throughout the afternoon the 15th Infantry Band, by the kind permission of the officers, rendered musical selections. Following the presentation of prizes, three cheers were accorded His Excellency and to the club's secretary, Mr. P. T. Lambie.

## R.G.A. VICTORIA.

In the Sergeant's Mess appearances were made by the R.G.A. Commanding Officer, accompanied by the company officers arrived just before the dinner hour, and wished them all the compliments of the season. Major Roche-Kelly read out the Royal greeting to the troops and the men gave him three very hearty cheers and a "tiger." Remarks by the men showed they were quite happy but all anticipated it to be their last Xmas dinner in Hongkong. In the afternoon a concert was held.

## THE STAFF AND DEPARTMENTS.

In the A.O.C. Mess in Queens Road, the men of the A.O.C., A.S.O., A.P.O., and other details spent Christmas. The rooms were splendidly decorated, showing what can be done with flags cuttings from trees, etc. A prominent feature was a motto, "Roll on the beat," anxiously awaited by many of the military here. The mess was well arranged and when Major Apthorp, O.C., A.S.O., and Lieut. M.W. Stevens, O.C., A.P.O., visited the rooms they expressed themselves delighted with the appearance of the place. An impromptu concert helped to enliven the proceedings.

## WITH THE TROOPS AT LYEMUN.

The day opened with a voluntary Church Service, after which completion of decorations and general arrangements were made by those responsible, whilst the majority of the men indulged in a good stiff walk. At 1 p.m. the Commanding Officer (Captain E. B. Lucy) and Officers visited the dining room and found all comfortably seated in a very prettily decorated room ready for their dinner which was a real Christmas one. An appropriate speech was made by the O.C., who chose following for these responsible for the Christmas Cheer, the women of Great Britain and Ireland, the Officers, and concluded with a real "tiger" for the King. In the afternoon a Cricket Football match was played, which caused much sport. After tea the final item on the programme was the first of the Company Billiard Tournament, the lucky finalists being Corporal Taylor v. Trooper Bayley, the latter winning after playing a real good game. Supper being served at 8 p.m. the men adjourned to the Dining Room. A concert was commenced at 8.30 p.m. when Lyemun again proved itself so efficient in talent. The necessary duties claimed by the war had in previous years prevented the majority of the men from seeing what a real Barnack Christmas could be like. However, this year they unanimously agreed it to be impossible to have enjoyed themselves more thoroughly, otherwise than to be with their wives and children, a thing which they are all looking forward to at present.

## STONEQUITTERS ISLAND.

Christmas was spent quietly at Stonequitters Island but now the less very enjoyable. A special dinner was arranged and this could not have been better. Captain F.E.T. Willett, the Commanding Officer, with other officers, visited the dining room and paid the customary compliments of the season. A football match in the afternoon and a concert later wound up the day.

## A GERM DESTROYER.

HERE is no doubt whatever from the fact that the German submarine which was sunk in the North Sea on December 17th, 1918, was a U-boat, and not a merchant ship, as was claimed by the Germans. The fact that the ship was sunk by a British submarine, and not by a German one, is also a fact. The fact that the ship was sunk by a British submarine, and not by a German one, is also a fact. The fact that the ship was sunk by a British submarine, and not by a German one, is also a fact.

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## CHRISTMAS AT UNION CHURCH.

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There was a large congregation at the Union Church Christmas morning service when the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald preached from the text "Galatians 6:22. 'Love, Joy, Peace.'" He said:

"These are placed first amongst the fruits of the Spirit by St. Paul and if we are in the Spirit of this Christmas day we shall find that they sum up the feelings which fill our minds."

"Love. The Advent season reminds us primarily of the unsearchable Divine Love. We give thanks to God for His unsearchable gift. We consider the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ that though He was rich yet for our sakes He became poor; that we through His poverty might be made rich. It is all of grace and we are glad to have it so, grace signifying the good which we can neither earn nor merit. The love which we make no pretension to claim by right and in which we rest the more securely that its foundation is not upon anything in ourselves but simply the unforgotten kindness of our God."

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"These are placed first amongst the fruits of the Spirit by St. Paul and if we are in the Spirit of this Christmas day we shall find that they sum up the feelings which fill our minds."

"Love. The Advent season reminds us primarily of the unsearchable Divine Love. We give thanks to God for His unsearchable gift. We consider the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ that though He was rich yet for our sakes He became poor; that we through His poverty might be made rich. It is all of grace and we are glad to have it so, grace signifying the good which we can neither earn nor merit. The love which we make no pretension to claim by right and in which we rest the more securely that its foundation is not upon anything in ourselves but simply the unforgotten kindness of our God."

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## COMMERCIAL.

## LANCASHIRE COTTON TRADE.

In its issue of October 19, the "Economist" published the following from its Manchester correspondent:—  
The past three months in the staple industry of Lancashire have been notable for considerable activity, followed by a very quiet feeling. The latter state of affairs has been chiefly due to the unsettled outlook and the increased probability of an early peace. Many fluctuations have occurred in raw cotton rates. On July 1 good middling American qualities were at 23.17d. During the past few weeks an easier tendency showed itself, and on July 31 the quotation was 21.07d. A reaction occurred in August, and by the 9th of that month prices had advanced to 22.04d., while by the end of August 23.04d. was quoted. Various changes occurred during September, and at the close the figure was 23.20d. Since then rather lower rates have prevailed, the quotation on October 16 being 24.02d.

During the quarter less favourable news has been received relating to the prospects for the American crop for this season, but latterly better reports have come through. It was feared at one time that the yield would not be more than 11,000,000 bales, but now most people are anticipating about 12,500,000 bales. The scarcity of supplies in Liverpool remains acute, and the leaders of the industry continue to put strong pressure upon the Board of Trade and the Ministry of Shipping to provide an increased amount of freight space for the Atlantic.

On July 1 fully good-fair Sakelardis Egyptian cotton was at 28.82d. and at the end of that month the figure was 29.08d. From the beginning of August a fresh basis of quotations has been in force, as a result of the Government controlling supplies and prices. The official quotation on the 1st of that month was 30.19d., and on October 16 the figure was 29.40d. The growth in Egypt is doing fairly well, but owing to the smaller area under cultivation only a moderate out-turn can be expected.

The Cotton Control Board has had to deal with several problems of importance. The abolition of the rotation system of unemployment, and the refusal of the authorities to pay compensation to the operatives for the time lost as a result of the mills working shorter hours, ended in a strike of a week at the beginning of September. The workpeople returned to the mills on the promise of Mr. Lloyd George that there should be a Government inquiry into their grievances. A tribunal has inquired into the matter, but at the time of writing has not reported.

In order to readjust production in the spinning and weaving sections, the running of looms has again been curtailed, with a slight increase in the number of spindles working. As a further measure to bring about more equal output, the whole of the looms in Lancashire will be stopped throughout next week. Compensation will be paid to the operatives from the funds of the Central Board, and the cost will be about £200,000.

During July and August a considerable business was done in cloth for several outlets abroad. Operations for India, especially in light fabrics, were on an encouraging scale. There was very little activity, however, for China, and conditions in Shanghai remain very uncertain. Extensive buying has also occurred for Egypt and certain South American outlets. A large turnover has taken place for France, not only in heavy materials for the Government, but also in miscellaneous cloths for private use. During the last few weeks the demand has been distinctly slower, and owing to a bullish sentiment prevailing, leading buyers are now adopting a waiting policy. The home trade continues busy and healthy.

The following is a comparative table of our shipments of piece goods for the nine months ending September 30 for the past three years—

1916.	
Yards .....	4,029,414,500
Value .....	£20,833,472
1917.	
Yards .....	3,848,837,200
Value .....	£20,380,170
1918.	
Yards .....	3,020,450,100
Value .....	£106,500,730

Prices for American yarns have advanced quite irrespective of the changes in raw cotton rates, and the margin for spinners has again been widened. The

demand in all counts and qualities has exceeded supply. Many users have been prepared to pay extraordinary figures for quick delivery, and buyers have competed for the stuff available. There has been great pressure upon producers for deliveries against old contracts. It is believed in some quarters that the highest prices have now been experienced, and demand has fallen off.

Limited companies have published excellent stocktaking results, and increased dividends and special bonuses to shareholders have been quite common. A marked rise has occurred in prices for shares in cotton mill companies. Rates have also advanced in Egyptian spinners, and, if anything, this section is even stronger than the American department. Many leading firms are fully sold for six months ahead, and are unable to entertain fresh orders unless buyers are prepared to accept long delivery terms. A considerable trade has been done in yarns suitable for France. Operations for India have been irregular, and many of the bids have been quite unworkable.

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Lbs. ....	135,643,000
Value .....	£9,590,761
1917.	
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Value .....	£12,570,863
1918.	
Lbs. ....	76,236,400
Value .....	£13,361,928

The Manchester market, at the time of writing, is more unsettled than for a very long time back. Varied views are held as to what will happen to prices after the war is over. It is recognized, however, that certain charges, especially relating to insurance and freight, will decline, and it is reasonable to expect some fall in values, not only in the raw material, but also in manufactured articles. Our customers throughout the world, however, are by no means over-supplied, and it is believed that when matters settle down after peace is declared, there will be an extensive demand from abroad for cotton goods of various kinds.

It is quite possible, however, that difficult times will be experienced during the next few months, and there is a distinct fear of trouble arising through depreciation in the value of goods in hand, and on order.

## U.S. IMPORT RULES.

The American Consul-General has received instructions from the Government in Washington materially modifying some of the more stringent rules covering the import of commodities into the United States. It is provided in the first place that hereafter the requirements established in September to the effect that no consular invoices covering goods shipped to the United States could be authenticated until an import license covering such goods was received by the Consul-General have been revoked and hereafter the Consul-General will certify invoices without the official notice.

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It is also provided in instructions to certify that all import regulations have been removed on furs and fur skins and all articles under paragraph 401 of the Tariff Act of the United States and undressed skins of hares, rabbits and dogs under paragraph 810 of the Tariff Act of the United States. Also all import regulations have been removed on tapestries and tapestries of leather, and various other goods.

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New York	Retransmitted from Hongkong Hotel
Shanghai	Tongtak Hungfat-cheng, West Post
Shanghai	Chungwevan, No. 11 China Wine Shop
Wabuku	Tachikawa, 60 Eastgate
Nagasaki	Chen Wokei
Shanghai	Tungtung
Shanghai	No. 181 Wunchayton
Shanghai	Shenat
Shanghai	Leung Sheehun Street
Shanghai	Chungchihman Leung, 23 Yunglingai
Nagasaki	Yipwipo, 3rd Floor, 39 Des Vaux Road, Ont
Kobe	Looyenshin Kenka
Shanghai	Kwongcheangang
Osaka	Kanbayashi Matsubara Hotel
Shanghai	Sagorushan Tsunpion
Shanghai	Douglas Lepark & Co.
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## REST FOR MOTHERS.

How many babies wake up just about the mother's bed-time and keep her busy for a good part of the night. The mother may not see anything apparently the matter with the child, but she may depend upon it that when baby is cross and sleepless there is something wrong, and the little one is taking the only means he has of telling it. Under such circumstances Baby's Own Tablets are just the thing needed. They contain no opiates, but send baby to sleep simply because they remove the cause of his sleeplessness and make him feel well and comfortable. They are recommended for teething troubles, constipation, diarrhoea, colic, fever, indigestion and worms; they promote appetite and regular development. Sold by chemists, or by mail at 60 cents the vial, from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 96 Brecken Road, Shanghai.

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